for the last 3 years are as under:—

(*In lakh tonnes*)

Year	Fertilizer Nutrients Imported			
	N	P	K	Total
1984-85	20·08	7 45	8 71	36·24
1985-86	16 80	8 16	9 03	33 99
1986-87	11·13	2·8	8 82	22·82

(c) The inventory position of the manufacturing companies during the same period is given in Statement No. 2 attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 33]

Stoppage of railway freight subsidy to fertilizer manufacturing units

825. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to stop payment of railway freight subsidy due to various fertilizer manufacturing units; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for stopping payment of freight subsidy under Government's consideration at present. However, a group has been constituted by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for going into the modalities for calculation of primary & secondary freight based on ECA allocations.

Production of Modern Bread

826. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Modern Bread has come down by 30,000 loaves a day;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the General Manager has patronised only one miller instead of getting tender and quotations from other millers also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to follow the rules and normal procedure?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The production of Modern Bread during April-September 1987 was higher by 22 lakh standard loaves, as compared to the same period last year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

(e) The company has laid down standard purchase procedure for all materials and the same is followed strictly by all the units of the company.

Damage to crops caused by drought and floods

827 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of crops in the country which has been damaged due to drought and floods;

(b) what is the estimated shortfall in the production of agricultural commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Due to widespread drought conditions prevailing in many States as well as floods in some Eastern States during the Kharif season, production of various crops in 1987-88 is likely to be effected. Firm estimates of Kharif production are not yet due from the States. Sowings of Rabi crops are still in progress It is, therefore, too early to quantify the likely shortfall in production of various crops during the year 1987-88.

Yamuna bridge at Delhi, I.S.B.T.

828. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of Yamuna Bridge at Delhi Inter State Bus Terminal is being delayed;

(b) if so, by when it was scheduled to be completed initially and how many times the date has since been extended and by when it is likely to be completed now,

(c) what are the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether the Lt. Governor of Delhi in his letter to the Minister of Urban Development had suggested monthly monitorings on the N.B.C.C. regarding the progress made; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The project was scheduled to be completed by December, 1987. However, the target date of completion has been revised to Dec., 1988, on account of following reasons.

1. Delay in the removal of encroachments coming in the layout of the bridge and connected flyovers.

2. Shifting of Services like Sewerlines, electric cables, P&T Cables etc.

3. Change in designs to accommodate underground services.

4. Time taken in Soil exploration and delay in submission of designs (by the contractors) and time required for their checking and approval due to its very complicated nature.

5. Slow progress by contractors.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. The Lt. Governor (Delhi) has been informed that progress of the Project is already being monitored in the quarterly performance review meetings of the NBCC held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (U.D).

Import of Rice

829. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn into the forecast made by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) that India might need to import some quantity of rice because of a substantial reduction in the Kharif crop this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what does the report forecast about wheat?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir; the FAO's report that India may need to import some rice has come to the notice of the Government.

There is reasonable quantity of stocks of rice with the public agencies at present. However, the Government keeps open the option to import foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

(c) About wheat, FAO's Report has forecast production at 46.0 million tonnes for 1987.